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FISCAL NOTE

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Dept; Teachers
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue	(\$51,945)	(\$53,379)	(\$54,730)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$51,945)	(\$53,379)	(\$54,730)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	(\$0 to \$3,240,000)	(\$0 to \$3,240,000)	(\$0 to \$1,620,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** stated that currently, DESE certifies people in early childhood (which allows them to teach kindergarten to 3rd grade). There are 1,200 teaching early childhood and 3,450 teaching kindergarten (with other life-time certificates K-6 or K-8). In addition, there is a large number of people with early childhood special education certificates. The potential pool of people to be affected by this proposal would depend upon the demand for another group of "before kindergarten" educators. DESE has no way to estimate this potential pool; however, for purposes of a fiscal note, they assume at least the 1,200 individuals teaching early childhood will seek certification.

If the individual has a bachelor's degree, he/she could get a pre-kindergarten certificate by completing 27 college credits and 3 years of teaching in an appropriate pre-grade level as a temporary certificate holder. College credits are currently in excess of \$200 per hour x 27 credit hours = \$5,400 for the courses alone. Potential costs to local school districts should they chose to pay for such certification could be up to \$6,480,000 (1,200 x \$5,400). **Oversight** assumes not all candidates for certification will complete the required college credits the first year and that once a pool of certificated pre-kindergarten teachers are in place, there wouldn't be 1,200 candidates per year seeking certification in this area. For fiscal note purposes, **Oversight** assumes course costs to be up to \$3,240,000 and FY 05 and FY 06 and \$1,620,000 in FY 07.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

DESE would require 1.0 FTE Supervisor in the Certification Section to handle requests, process applications and fingerprints, etc. **Oversight** has, for fiscal note purposes only, adjusted the salary and benefits of the supervisor to correspond with the range for starting salaries paid by DESE in 2002 for comparable positions and has excluded travel costs, assuming the program could be administered with minimal travel.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost</u> - Dept of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)			
Personal Costs	(\$29,987)	(\$35,654)	(\$36,545)
Fringe Benefits	(\$11,731)	(\$14,429)	(\$14,790)
Equipment and Expense	<u>(\$10,227)</u>	<u>(\$3,296)</u>	<u>(\$3,395)</u>
	(\$51,945)	(\$53,379)	(\$54,730)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$51,945)</u>	<u>(\$53,379)</u>	<u>(\$54,730)</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2006	 FY 2007
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
<u>Cost</u> - Certification of staff	(\$0 to \$3,240,00)	(\$0 to \$3,240,000)	(\$0 to \$1,620,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS	<u>(\$0 to \$3,240,00)</u>	<u>(\$0 to \$3,240,000)</u>	<u>(\$0 to \$1,620,000)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

Currently, Section 168.081, RSMo, requires public teachers of kindergarten through grade twelve to possess a valid teaching certificate. This proposal broadens this requirement to include

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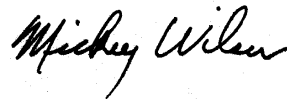
DESCRIPTION (continued)

pre-kindergarten teachers as well.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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January 26, 2004